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1) The communication filed on 12/08/03 is non-responsive to the prior Office Action mailed 08/29/03, because claims 25, 27, 28, 31 and 35-39, as amended currently, shift away from the elected invention and are now directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally elected. The previously examined claims were drawn to a method of making a composition using an enterobacterium OmpA protein. The claims, as amended currently, encompass a method of delivering a biologically active substance to antigen presenting cells, which would have been restricted from the elected method. The former method is an *in vitro* process which does not share significant steps, parameters and objectives with the currently claimed method of delivery.

Since the response appears to be *bona fide*, Applicant is required to submit a proper response within **ONE** (1) **MONTH or THIRTY** (30) **DAYS** from the date of this letter or within the time remaining in the response period of the last Office action, whichever is longer within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. NO EXTENSION OF THIS TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 C.F.R 1.136(a) or (b), but the period for response set in the last Office action may be extended up to a maximum of SIX MONTHS.

2) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to S. Devi, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (571) 272-0854. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. (Eastern Time).

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If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Lynette Smith, can be reached at (571) 272-0854.

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